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Left to right: President Richard P. Goodwin, Reverend Clyde Dibble, Connie Smith, and Eli Goodreau.

EDITORIAL

Faith Fulfills A Dream

As the dedication services of Camp Serenity become more of a vision in the land of beautiful memories, I reflect in deepest gratitude and appreciation to the many wonderful members and friends who worked so hard in the selfless spirit of cooperation to make this day such a great success.

Limitations of space in our paper do not permit the listing of all the dedicated workers who made this day a cherished moment in my heart, and who continue to support the growth and expansion of our Camp.

To the men and women who worked from dawn to dusk in the building of our Chapel of Awareness, I thank you from the depths of my soul. Though time itself was against us, the Spirit did not fail and our Chapel was opened on that day for the wedding ceremony. To the National Spiritualist Association of Churches, the California State Spiritualist Association, The Redwood Church of Redwood City, The Brotherhood Spiritualist Church of Alameda, The Spiritual Science of Life Church of San Jose and The Golden Gate Spiritualist Church of San Francisco, I thank you for your encouragement and support.

To my beloved pastor, the Reverend Florence S. Becker, of the Golden Gate Spiritualist Church of San Francisco, who was unable to attend the ceremonies, but sent her love, her blessings and support, both Spiritually and financially, goes my heart filled with appreciation for her many years as my pastor, friend and true support, without which this day would not have been possible.

To Spiritualism's progressive missionary, the Reverend Clyde Dibble, pastor of the Redwood Church in Redwood City, your efforts in helping Camp Serenity have always been in the true Spirit of love, for which we are ever so grateful.

Last, but never least, to the Board of Directors and members of Camp Serenity, I pray that I may always be given the wisdom and the understand-

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A Day to Remember

Staff Reporter

The dedication of Camp Serenity was one of the most beautiful, Spiritual and impressive services it has been my good fortune to witness.

Services commenced with the Reverend Clyde Dibble, of the Redwood Church, presenting the N. S. A. C. Charter to the President of Camp Serenity, Richard P. Goodwin. Reverend Dibble, along with Connie Smith, of the Executive Church and Eli Goodreau, Treasurer of the Brotherhood Church in Alameda, all delivered brief but inspiring messages.....

The Camp Anthem, The Spirit of Serenity, was one of the many highlights of the program and we offer our sincere thanks to Reverend Dibble for the beautiful vibrations. The service was brought to a conclusion by President Goodwin who affixed the Camp Serenity sign and delivered a well received testimonial interlaced with much enthusiasm for future plans at the Camp.

After the dedication, the first marriage ceremony was performed in the Chapel of Awareness by Reverend Dibble. The first couple to be united in this beautiful Chapel were Connie and Ed Wood who took great pleasure in having their former "civil" ceremony repeated in the presence of approximately 80 guests who had attended the Dedication Day ceremonies.

Eight lovely memorial plaques were placed on the east wall, where the beautiful stained glass windows radiantly reflected rays of warm sunlight offsetting the equally lovely plaques.

After dedication ceremonies, a bountiful barbecue was enjoyed by one and all. It was a most happy and hungry group seen putting the "finishing touches" on the most delicious steaks with all the trimmings, while relaxing in the warmth of sunlight yet, at the same time, enjoying just the slightest caress of a delightful breeze.

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Left to right President Richard P. Goodwin and Treasurer Karl W. Schmitz

Dedication

By President Richard P. Goodwin

I dedicate this land, Camp Serenity, to the Spirit of Truth manifesting through all forms of life, to the Glory of God, for the good of humanity and the blessings of Modern Spiritualism. May all who walk upon its land, be ever blessed with the peace that passeth all understanding and the knowledge that there is no death and there are no dead.

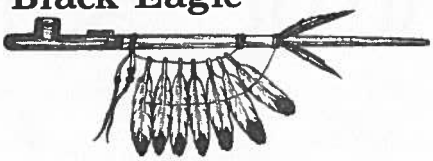
SPIRITUALISM

The object of the organized movement of Spiritualism as represented by the National Spiritualist Association of Churches may be stated in part as follows:

To teach the truths and principles expressed in the Declaration of Principles and in the Definitions of "SPIRITUALISM," "A SPIRITUALIST," "A MEDIUM" and "A SPIRITUALIST HEALER," as adopted by the National Spiritualist Association of Churches of the United States of America.

To teach and proclaim the science, philosophy and religion of modern Spiritualism, to encourage lectures on all subjects pertaining to the spiritual and secular welfare of mankind. To protest against every attempt to compel mankind to worship God in any particular or prescribed manner. To advocate and promote spiritual healing and to protect and encourage spiritual teachers and mediums in all laudable efforts in giving evidence or proof to mankind of a continued intercourse and relationship between the living and the so-called dead. To encourage every person in holding present beliefs always open to re-statement as growing thought and investigation reveal new truth, thereby leaving every individual free to follow the dictates of reason and conscience in spiritual as in secular affairs.

Prayers of Black Eagle



O Great Spirit in Whom I act, live and have my being, reinforce my mind and body, that I may at all times be in tune with Thee to know Thy bidding and to obey, that peace may be established within myself.

Declaration of Principles N.S.A.C.

WE AFFIRM THE MORAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL, AND THAT HE MAKES HIS OWN HAPPINESS OR UNHAPPINESS AS HE OBEYS OR DISOBEYS NATURE'S PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL LAWS.

Man himself is responsible for the welfare of the world in which he lives; for its welfare or its misery, for its happiness or unhappiness and if he is to obtain Heaven upon earth, he must learn to make that heaven for himself and for others. Individually, man is responsible for his own spiritual growth and welfare. Sins and wrong-doing must be outgrown and overcome. Virtue and love of good must take their place. Spiritual growth and advancement must be attained by aspiration and personal striving. Vicarious atonement has no place in the philosophy of Spiritualism. Each one must carry his own cross to Calvary's Heights in the over-coming of wrong-doing and replacing them with the right.

A DAY TO REMEMBER
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After the Dedication Day services, activities included riding the Super Skunk Train from Willits to Fort Bragg and back. Although the picturesque scenes along the way would be almost impossible to beat, the laughter and good fellowship of those participating in this scenic tour are to be credited for making this week-end a most memorable occasion to be cherished by all for a long time to come. It would be a difficult task for one to imagine having a lovelier time or being with a more enjoyable group of people.

Left to right: Richard P. Goodwin, Bridegroom Ed Wood, Bride Connie Wood, Carol Manning, Pauline Leonard.

Memorable Occasion

Reporter Suzanne Bray

The highlight of the memorable occasion of our July 4th Dedication Day Service was the first service held in the beautiful and reverent Chapel of Awareness. Connie Manning and Ed Wood of Forest Knolls, California were united in holy matrimony with Rev. Clyde Dibble officiating. Mrs. Pauline Leonard of Costa Mesa, California matron of honor and President Richard P. Goodwin served as best man. Two dear friends of the bride and groom Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zanolini were witnesses accompanied by Carol Manning daughter of the bride and friend Frank Lopez. There were over eighty friends and guests in attendance. The little Chapel nestled on the hill surrounded by natural and serene beauty has the highest spiritual vibrations. Traditional stained glass windows with ruby red carpeting and exquisite gold and white flowers gave our Chapel an attitude of reverence and solemnity befitting the sacred ceremony of holy matrimony.

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ing to help you in your time of need, as you have never failed to help Camp Serenity in any of her needs whenever they have arisen.

In closing, may the impossible dream of Camp Serenity, with its Chapel of Awareness already completed and its Andrew Jackson Davis Pioneer Lodge in the second stage on the preliminary plans of growth, be fulfilled under the guidance of angel-loved ones for the good of humanity.

Telephone Talks

Staff Writer

Meekness

"Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth." **Matthew 5:5**

Meekness is not a state of withdrawal. On the contrary, it is a characteristic which embraces kindliness and natural ease. It is a quality that attracts and draws out the best in other people as well as giving freedom to those who cultivate it.

Meekness is an attribute that gives us an honest evaluation of our personal importance. It prepares us to meet life without timidity or arrogance, without groveling or false pride.

When we are meek we become a natural outlet through which life expresses, unhampered by the fetters of undue concern about effect, impressions or attainment.

The meek person is one who can give himself confidently to the art of experiencing more of what life is within him.

Since our growth is determined by this conscious choice, it is true to the best in our nature.

Since it is with freedom, it tends to be a more consistent experience of a greater good.

Calendar of Events

August 9th Dinner Social. **Special showing of movies of the building of Camp Serenity.** August 23rd and 24th, **Camp Fire Seminar. Two days at Camp Serenity. Spiritual discussion and fellowship.**

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Letters to M.

Dear M.

In what way do we build our home in the world of Spirit? S.

Dear S.

The building of a home in the world of Spirit is dependent upon the Spirituality of the individual while yet encased in the flesh. Therefore one must consider in what way we can best unfold our Spirituality. My understanding of Spirituality is the goodness and the selflessness which one is expressing. If our motive for doing good in this world is strictly for the gain that we may receive, be rest assured it is not of the highest Spirituality. So often, when we make effort, we consider the gain, and how unfortunate this is, for those who expect to find a home in the world of Spirit look about to find a barren wasteland. Each and every thought and act that we have and do is recorded in the universal Book of Life. There is no escape from Divine justice, regardless what we may think about it.

Presentation of Licentiate Ministerial Certificate

Reporter Eli Goodreau

Left to Right: Eli Goodreau, Richard Goodwin, and Connie Smith.

Well done thy good and faithful servant was the reward given in appreciation to those worthy individuals through the ages; but Saturday evening July 12, 1969 a different symbol of appreciation, for duty and loyalty to our religion and mankind, together with hours of study and research, was awarded to Connie C. Smith of the Executive Church N. S. A. C. and charter member of Camp Serenity at her home at 660 Broadmoor Blvd. San Leandro, California, when Eli Goodreau C. S. S. A. director presented her with that valued certificate as a Licentiate Minister of the Executive Church N.S.A.C.

This important event transpired immediately after the opening of a seminar at Connie's home that evening which was conducted by Mr. Richard Goodwin, President of Camp Serenity.

Connie, may that power which controls and guides the stars and planets through the heavens guide, guard and protect you as you proceed on your upward way through difficulties to the stars.

Open Line

To my beloved son Carlos Dunlap, I send my wishes for continued progress and happiness. Mother.....

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To my dearest husband, Lewis Bates, I wish you great happiness until we meet. Charmion Bates.....

WHAT SPIRITUALISM IS AND DOES

It teaches personal responsibility.

It removes all fear of death, which is really the portal of the Spirit World.

It teaches that death is not the cessation of life, but mere change of condition.

It teaches, not that a man has a soul, but that man is a soul and has a body.

It teaches that those who have passed on are conscious -- not asleep.

It teaches that the spark of divinity dwells in all.

Spiritualism is God's message to mortals, declaring that There Is No Death. That all who have passed on still live; that there is hope in the life beyond for the most sinful.

Spiritualism is a manifestation, a demonstration and a proof of the continuity of life and of the truth of the many Spirit manifestations recorded in the Christian Bible.

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The Great Harmonia Excerpts from The Physician Vol. I

By Andrew Jackson Davis
Originally Published 1850

I. The human soul was made for a great and glorious destiny.
The constitution of the universe, the magnificence of its developments, and the immortal aspirations of the human spiritual principle, all conspire to beget and confirm this impression; and the principles of nature, the voice of intuition, and the unchanging testimonies of wisdom, demonstrate its truthfulness.

II. Inasmuch as the soul is made for high and sublime destinies, it is wrong to devote the present life, which is but the beginning of existence, to insignificant and inglorious pursuits. It is unrighteous to acquire habits which, because of their overpowering character and expensive tendencies, ultimately become our Masters, and we their slaves.

III. Never strive to acquire riches; because the strife begets discord and deception in society, and retards the progress and unfolding of the soul.

IV. Never seek, or labor for Fame; because the desire and effort deform the inward, moral beauty; and the object pursued renders the soul unhappy and unrighteous.

V. Never allow your affections to flow in narrow and unclean channels; nor your feelings to transcend or disconcert the wisdom-principle.

VI. Let kindness pervade your whole nature; but uncharitableness should never invade the inward sanctuary.

VII. The object and aim of human endeavor should not be happiness; because happiness is an Effect, not an End.

VIII. Let not the object of life be to acquire wealth or fame; but to Progress and Unfold for ever! Eternal Progression and Development are the ends for which only Mankind should pray and labor.

IX. A good human constitution can not be developed unless the progenitors are quiet – naturally noble – healthy and harmonious. A mother previous to the birth of her child, should never be disconcerted, or rendered uncomfortable or unhappy. Her food should be solid, well masticated, and nutritious; and her affections should dwell upon the greatness and the grandeur – upon the truths and beauties – of the Infinite.

X. In health, there is no occasion for medical assistance during the period of parturition; the powers of Nature are adequate to any conceivable emergency; but nursing and spiritual sympathy are indispensable.

XI. The infant should not be transferred from individual to individual, until after it has lived and breathed one month; because the organism is then too tender and pusillanimous, and is easily disarranged and diseased. Hip-diseases often originate in this way.

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